

Quarterly Population Highlights



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B.C. Highlights

The population of B.C. was estimated at 4,773,345 as of October 1, 2016, growing by 21,733 persons in the third quarter of 2016 (up 0.5% from July 1, 2016). This is the largest third quarter growth recorded since 2009.

Combined net in-migration from all sources (interprovincial and international) totalled 18,377 persons during the third quarter of 2016. Broken down, net interprovincial in-migration contributed 3,579 persons to population growth while net international in-migration added 14,798 persons. Finally, a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 3,356 had a positive impact on population growth in the third quarter.

The Last Twelve Months

B.C.'s total population grew by 59,584 persons (+1.3%) over the twelve months ending September 30, 2016, largely due to international and interprovincial migration. On an annual basis, births (+44,787) and interprovincial arrivals (+66,330) were the largest sources of population growth for the province. Net interprovincial migration accounted for a gain of 20,503 and net international migration added 29,924 persons from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. Consequently, more than four in every five persons added since October 1, 2015 could be attributed to net migration from all sources (+50,427). The remainder was due to natural increase (+9,157).

B.C. population July 1, 2016	4,751,612
Interprovincial migration	+ 3,579
Add interprovincial arrivals	+ 17,617
Minus interprovincial exits	- 14,038
International migration	+14,798
Add immigrants	+ 7,821
Minus total net emigrants	- 2,744
Net change in non-permanent residents	+ 9,721
Natural change	+ 3,356
Add births	+ 11,969
Minus deaths	- 8,613
Net Change	+21,733
B.C. population October 1, 2016	4,773,345

National Overview

The population of Canada grew by 157,207 persons (+0.4%) to 36,443,632 during the third quarter of 2016. Leading the growth at the provincial and territorial level were Ontario (+0.6%), British Columbia (+0.5%), Manitoba (+0.4%), Prince Edward Island (+0.4%), Saskatchewan (+0.4%) and Alberta (+0.4%). With the exception of Northwest Territories, all remaining jurisdictions also experienced population increases during the third quarter.

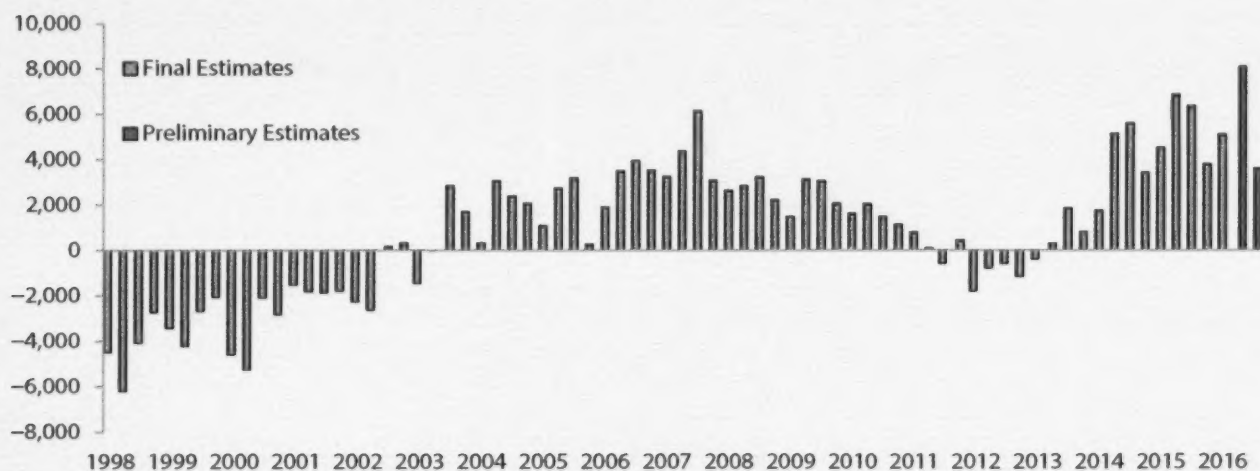
Third Quarter International Migration

Net international in-migration to British Columbia (immigrants plus the net change in NPRs plus returning emigrants less emigrants and persons temporarily abroad) registered a net gain of 14,798 in the third quarter. Net international migration during the third quarter is typically largest compared to other quarters. This was no exception in 2016, when 33% more persons entered British Columbia compared to the same quarter in 2015. This third quarter gain is mainly driven by a stronger net-inflow of NPRs, +9,721 compared to +2,948 during the same period in the previous year. In addition, the total number of immigrants arriving in British Columbia from July 1 to September 30 was substantial at 7,821 in total. As for persons leaving B.C. for international destinations, an estimated 3,666 left on a permanent basis and 1,630 were away temporarily in the third quarter of 2016.

Third Quarter Interprovincial Migration

British Columbia ranked second only to Ontario as a province or territory that received population from other Canadian jurisdictions in the third quarter of 2016. In B.C. an inflow of 17,617 persons was offset by an outflow of 14,038 for a net population gain of 3,579. British Columbia's net exchange with Alberta was positive, with an estimated 2,420 more persons leaving Alberta for B.C. than those going to Alberta. In addition, B.C. reported positive net in-migration from Manitoba (+ 887) as well as positive gains from most other jurisdictions. Ontario was the highest net recipient in the third quarter of 2016 with a net gain of 11,591 interprovincial migrants.

B.C. Net Interprovincial Migration by Quarter, Q1 1998 to Q3 2016



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 051-0017 Interprovincial migrants, Canada, provinces and territories. CANSIM. Last updated December 15, 2016.

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Did You Know?

Statistics Canada recently reported that "Canadians' overwhelming response enabled the 'best ever' Census in 2016". The overall collection response rate of 98.4 per cent for the 2016 Census of Population is higher than for both the 2011 and 2006 Census programs.

As part of the 2016 Census, some Canadian households received the mandatory **long form (or National Household Survey)**. This form asks questions about a broad range of household properties, including some information about the mobility of the respondents. This information provides some indication of how the population within Canada and its provinces/territories have changed over the last year or since the last census. When viewing the quarterly population changes in this document, it is clear that movement within Canada's borders - or interprovincial migration, as well as international migration play a significant part in how the population evolves over time.



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Table 1: Provincial migration flow (July - September 2016)

		Destination												
		Nfld	PEI	NS	NB	Que	Ont	Man	Sask	Alta	BC	Yukon	NWT	Nvt
Origin	Nfld	—	31	331	153	77	854	28	27	535	206	—	—	33
	PEI	34	—	255	107	38	574	19	14	144	89	—	—	—
	NS	150	121	—	601	320	2,163	226	132	855	458	16	25	7
	NB	98	95	885	—	769	1,347	48	66	665	191	—	4	20
	Que	67	30	295	699	—	8,071	142	91	1,404	1,090	—	23	10
	Ont	448	199	1,352	945	3,793	—	903	769	4,554	4,691	33	103	76
	Man	47	—	185	107	205	2,111	—	530	1,107	1,341	5	13	9
	Sask	9	—	94	76	156	1,508	377	—	2,862	1,197	32	3	—
	Alta	440	208	1,046	720	1,252	7,302	695	2,046	—	7,986	63	179	—
	BC	144	21	469	299	999	5,201	454	633	5,566	—	186	43	23
Yukon	—	—	6	22	31	43	21	26	78	181	—	10	—	
NWT	27	9	50	—	21	147	9	51	307	159	44	—	58	
Nvt	17	3	18	32	41	136	7	14	10	28	—	29	—	
Inflow		1,481	717	4,986	3,761	7,702	29,457	2,929	4,399	18,087	17,617	379	432	236
Outflow		2,275	1,274	5,074	4,188	11,922	17,866	5,660	6,314	21,937	14,038	418	882	335
Net interprovincial		− 794	− 557	− 88	− 427	− 4,220	11,591	− 2,731	− 1,915	− 3,850	3,579	− 39	− 450	− 99
Net international												14,798		
Total net												18,377		

Table 2: Quarterly components of population change in British Columbia

Year	Quarter	Interprovincial			International						Total net migration	Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Total increase	Population at end of quarter	Annual growth rate (%)
		In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net NPR	Temporary abroad	Returning emigrants	Net							
2000	1	9,272	13,871	- 4,599	8,610	1,546	1,950	1,253	396	8,157	3,558	10,162	7,282	2,880	6,438	4,033,319	0.8
2000	2	11,413	16,679	- 5,266	9,495	2,092	260	1,428	732	6,967	1,701	10,682	6,688	3,994	5,695	4,039,230	0.7
2000	3	15,001	17,096	- 2,095	10,316	3,517	2,320	2,002	956	8,073	5,978	10,378	6,508	3,870	9,848	4,049,297	0.7
2000	4	8,323	11,146	- 2,823	8,992	1,939	75	1,444	385	6,069	3,246	9,450	6,983	2,467	5,713	4,055,229	0.7
	Total	44,009	58,792	- 14,783	37,413	9,094	4,605	6,127	2,469	29,266	14,483	40,672	27,461	13,211	27,694		
2001	1	8,597	10,134	- 1,537	9,428	1,375	2,402	1,244	385	9,596	8,059	9,941	7,311	2,630	10,689	4,066,132	0.8
2001	2	11,417	13,248	- 1,831	10,807	1,748	2,113	1,376	742	10,538	8,707	10,598	7,013	3,585	12,292	4,076,881	0.9
2001	3	16,029	17,902	- 1,873	10,529	5,031	4,922	1,512	1,421	10,329	8,456	10,444	6,794	3,650	12,106	4,085,760	0.9
2001	4	8,365	10,152	- 1,787	7,720	3,261	239	1,057	699	4,340	2,553	9,592	7,244	2,348	4,901	4,087,435	0.8
	Total	44,408	51,436	- 7,028	38,484	11,415	9,676	5,189	3,247	34,803	27,775	40,575	28,362	12,213	39,988		
2002	1	9,244	11,516	- 2,272	9,573	1,530	2,703	1,006	617	10,357	8,085	9,605	7,672	1,933	10,018	4,094,296	0.7
2002	2	13,521	16,145	- 2,624	10,202	1,943	297	1,364	1,186	8,378	5,754	10,291	6,989	3,302	9,056	4,100,161	0.6
2002	3	16,089	15,936	153	7,992	4,615	3,746	1,497	1,747	7,373	7,526	10,470	6,854	3,616	11,142	4,108,076	0.5
2002	4	8,925	8,627	298	6,290	3,110	- 409	1,022	805	2,554	2,852	9,699	7,369	2,330	5,182	4,110,032	0.6
	Total	47,779	52,224	- 4,445	34,057	11,198	6,337	4,889	4,355	28,662	24,217	40,065	28,884	11,181	35,398		
2003	1	8,685	10,145	- 1,460	7,954	2,407	1,582	1,086	931	6,974	5,514	9,813	7,546	2,267	7,781	4,114,657	0.5
2003	2	14,379	14,407	- 28	9,688	2,315	1,407	1,337	1,430	8,873	8,845	10,552	6,925	3,627	12,472	4,123,937	0.6
2003	3	15,923	13,093	2,830	9,459	4,099	1,374	1,558	1,828	7,004	9,834	10,395	6,972	3,423	13,257	4,133,968	0.6
2003	4	9,295	7,612	1,683	8,132	3,433	657	1,028	797	5,125	6,808	9,737	7,877	1,860	8,668	4,139,409	0.7
	Total	48,282	45,257	3,025	35,233	12,254	5,020	5,009	4,986	27,976	31,001	40,497	29,320	11,177	42,178		
2004	1	9,984	9,674	310	8,966	2,746	1,098	1,010	762	7,070	7,380	9,740	7,840	1,900	9,280	4,145,498	0.7
2004	2	15,204	12,162	3,042	10,155	3,204	- 509	1,345	1,412	6,509	9,551	10,334	7,174	3,160	12,711	4,155,017	0.8
2004	3	15,109	12,731	2,378	10,362	3,909	2,830	1,544	2,148	9,887	12,265	10,394	7,223	3,171	15,436	4,167,227	0.8
2004	4	10,760	8,705	2,055	7,543	2,969	754	1,039	979	5,268	7,323	10,022	7,687	2,335	9,658	4,173,658	0.8
	Total	51,057	43,272	7,785	37,026	12,828	4,173	4,938	5,301	28,734	36,519	40,490	29,924	10,566	47,085		
2005	1	11,239	10,184	1,055	10,505	2,398	1,537	1,017	928	9,555	10,610	9,761	8,118	1,643	12,253	4,182,755	0.9
2005	2	17,172	14,446	2,726	12,167	2,758	582	1,338	1,671	10,324	13,050	10,455	7,305	3,150	16,200	4,195,764	1.0
2005	3	16,631	13,459	3,172	12,450	3,454	2,969	1,576	2,574	12,963	16,135	10,745	7,111	3,634	19,769	4,212,306	1.1
2005	4	8,948	8,689	259	9,653	2,899	- 483	1,006	1,045	6,310	6,569	9,866	7,701	2,165	8,734	4,217,814	1.1
	Total	53,990	46,778	7,212	44,775	11,509	4,605	4,937	6,218	39,152	46,364	40,827	30,235	10,592	56,956		
2006	1	12,294	10,411	1,883	10,270	2,401	1,734	1,025	1,091	9,669	11,552	9,858	8,054	1,804	13,356	4,228,013	1.1
2006	2	15,223	11,737	3,486	11,473	2,769	639	1,334	1,922	9,931	13,417	10,723	7,445	3,278	16,695	4,241,691	1.1
2006	3	19,163	15,244	3,919	11,021	3,648	3,552	2,094	2,965	11,796	15,715	10,951	7,263	3,688	19,403	4,258,216	1.1
2006	4	12,150	8,639	3,511	9,321	3,102	- 1,913	1,112	847	4,041	7,552	10,197	7,926	2,271	9,823	4,265,161	1.1
	Total	58,830	46,031	12,799	42,085	11,920	4,012	5,565	6,825	35,437	48,236	41,729	30,688	11,041	59,277		
2007	1	11,705	8,467	3,238	7,972	2,734	4,274	1,126	876	9,262	12,500	10,108	8,177	1,931	14,431	4,276,777	1.2
2007	2	15,164	10,827	4,337	9,497	2,836	2,425	1,430	1,533	9,189	13,526	11,123	7,591	3,532	17,058	4,290,988	1.2
2007	3	19,576	13,449	6,127	12,208	3,525	4,751	1,802	2,165	13,797	19,924	11,577	7,563	4,014	23,938	4,312,048	1.3
2007	4	10,587	7,513	3,074	9,293	2,895	- 1,467	1,204	969	4,696	7,770	10,841	7,977	2,864	10,634	4,319,805	1.3
	Total	57,032	40,256	16,776	38,970	11,990	9,983	5,562	5,543	36,944	53,720	43,649	31,308	12,341	66,061		
2008	1	11,851	9,224	2,627	10,127	2,353	2,919	1,197	955	10,451	13,078	10,486	8,574	1,912	14,990	4,331,948	1.3
2008	2	15,382	12,567	2,815	11,592	2,517	4,926	1,558	1,678	14,121	16,936	11,238	7,863	3,375	20,311	4,349,412	1.4
2008	3	16,951	13,739	3,212	12,714	3,293	7,670	1,799	2,038	17,330	20,542	11,738	7,565	4,173	24,715	4,371,250	1.4
2008	4	9,479	7,284	2,195	9,569	2,673	2,305	1,194	896	8,903	11,098	10,814	8,095	2,719	13,817	4,382,189	1.4
	Total	53,663	42,814	10,849	44,002	10,836	17,820	5,748	5,567	50,805	61,654	44,276	32,097	12,179	73,833		
2009	1	11,143	9,672	1,471	9,244	2,275	5,643	1,224	952	12,340	13,811	10,710	8,256	2,454	16,265	4,395,638	1.5
2009	2	13,488	10,371	3,117	10,848	2,094	2,093	1,547	1,562	10,862	13,979	11,428	7,520	3,908	17,887	4,410,679	1.4
2009	3	14,579	11,543	3,036	12,116	2,989	7,119	1,754	2,109	16,601	19,637	11,937	7,674	4,263	23,900	4,431,701	1.4
2009	4	8,899	6,851	2,048	9,231	2,647	1,477	1,217	1,014	7,858	9,906	10,918	7,990	2,928	12,834	4,441,657	1.4

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Year	Quarter	Interprovincial			International						Total net migration	Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Total increase	Population at end of quarter	Annual growth rate (%)
		In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net NPR	Temporary abroad	Returning emigrants	Net							
	Total	48,109	38,437	9,672	41,439	10,005	16,332	5,742	5,637	47,661	57,333	44,993	31,440	13,553	70,886		
2010	1	11,474	9,861	1,613	9,629	2,488	4,202	1,199	977	11,121	12,734	10,568	7,896	2,672	15,406	4,454,248	1.3
2010	2	14,517	12,486	2,031	12,895	2,431	- 1,535	1,592	1,776	9,113	11,144	11,218	7,839	3,379	14,523	4,465,924	1.3
2010	3	14,420	12,957	1,463	13,508	3,615	5,225	1,791	1,916	15,243	16,706	11,386	7,461	3,925	20,631	4,483,677	1.2
2010	4	9,639	8,534	1,105	8,153	2,682	- 7,222	1,198	857	- 2,092	- 987	10,654	8,128	2,526	1,539	4,482,338	0.9
	Total	50,050	43,838	6,212	44,185	11,216	670	5,780	5,526	33,385	39,597	43,826	31,324	12,502	52,099		
2011	1	10,899	10,119	780	7,614	2,499	1,316	1,190	841	6,082	6,862	10,531	8,273	2,258	9,120	4,488,643	0.8
2011	2	12,896	12,823	73	9,671	2,524	1,033	1,584	1,548	8,144	8,217	11,337	7,838	3,499	11,716	4,499,139	0.7
2011	3	15,465	16,041	- 576	9,882	3,787	10,997	1,701	2,063	17,454	16,878	11,779	7,497	4,282	21,160	4,520,299	0.8
2011	4	9,757	9,323	434	7,619	3,350	- 1,033	1,384	894	2,746	3,180	10,482	8,356	2,126	5,306	4,525,605	1.0
	Total	49,017	48,306	711	34,786	12,160	12,313	5,859	5,346	34,426	35,137	44,129	31,964	12,165	47,302		
2012	1	10,753	12,542	- 1,789	8,658	2,919	1,876	1,340	900	7,175	5,386	10,403	8,377	2,026	7,412	4,533,017	1.0
2012	2	15,695	16,475	- 780	10,087	2,676	3,267	1,340	1,634	10,972	10,192	11,104	8,023	3,081	13,273	4,546,290	1.0
2012	3	14,439	15,034	- 595	9,029	3,616	9,369	1,666	2,208	15,324	14,729	11,539	7,680	3,859	18,588	4,564,878	1.0
2012	4	7,404	8,562	- 1,158	8,468	2,915	- 3,975	1,342	844	1,080	- 78	10,962	8,444	2,518	2,440	4,567,318	0.9
	Total	48,291	52,613	- 4,322	36,242	12,126	10,537	5,688	5,586	34,551	30,229	44,008	32,524	11,484	41,713		
2013	1	9,975	10,358	- 383	8,105	3,363	2,599	1,381	814	6,774	6,391	10,643	8,647	1,996	8,387	4,575,705	0.9
2013	2	16,690	16,422	268	10,134	2,778	2,608	1,374	1,573	10,163	10,431	10,993	8,088	2,905	13,336	4,589,041	0.9
2013	3	14,145	12,323	1,822	8,928	3,628	11,769	1,630	2,552	17,991	19,813	11,532	7,729	3,803	23,616	4,612,657	1.0
2013	4	9,362	8,555	807	9,045	3,665	- 5,061	1,365	889	- 157	650	10,532	8,593	1,939	2,589	4,615,246	1.0
	Total	50,172	47,658	2,514	36,212	13,434	11,915	5,750	5,828	34,771	37,285	43,700	33,057	10,643	47,928		
2014	1	12,352	10,629	1,723	9,562	3,128	3,047	1,381	862	8,962	10,685	10,581	8,656	1,925	12,610	4,627,856	1.1
2014	2	21,302	16,179	5,123	9,936	2,879	1,917	1,386	1,574	9,162	14,285	11,131	8,011	3,120	17,405	4,645,261	1.2
2014	3	16,558	10,964	5,594	7,989	3,653	11,073	1,630	2,552	16,331	21,925	11,681	7,997	3,684	25,609	4,670,870	1.3
2014	4	10,820	7,401	3,419	7,687	3,693	- 6,931	1,365	889	- 3,413	6	10,875	8,959	1,916	1,922	4,672,792	1.2
	Total	61,032	45,173	15,859	35,174	13,353	9,106	5,762	5,877	31,042	46,901	44,268	33,623	10,645	57,546		
2015	1	15,016	10,524	4,492	6,784	3,151	- 1,929	1,382	862	1,184	5,676	10,587	9,087	1,500	7,176	4,679,968	1.1
2015	2	23,313	16,439	6,874	9,217	2,902	- 2,993	1,387	1,574	3,509	10,383	11,211	8,609	2,602	12,985	4,692,953	1.0
2015	3	18,837	12,501	6,336	10,899	3,666	2,948	1,630	2,552	11,103	17,439	11,677	8,308	3,369	20,808	4,713,761	0.9
2015	4	10,914	7,145	3,769	8,846	3,707	- 8,311	1,365	889	- 3,648	121	10,721	9,044	1,677	1,798	4,715,559	0.9
	Total	68,080	46,609	21,471	35,746	13,426	- 10,285	5,764	5,877	12,148	33,619	44,196	35,048	9,148	42,767		
2016	1	15,441	10,357	5,084	11,750	3,164	- 431	1,382	862	7,635	12,719	10,802	9,403	1,399	14,118	4,729,677	1.1
2016	2	22,358	14,287	8,071	11,337	2,913	2,527	1,386	1,574	11,139	19,210	11,295	8,570	2,725	21,935	4,751,612	1.2
2016	3	17,617	14,038	3,579	7,821	3,666	9,721	1,630	2,552	14,798	18,377	11,969	8,613	3,356	21,733	4,773,345	1.3
2016	4																
	Total	55,416	38,682	16,734	30,908	9,743	11,817	4,398	4,988	33,572	50,306	34,066	26,586	7,480	57,786		

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Note: Net NPR denotes the net change in Non-Permanent Residents.
Due to revisions on the part of Statistics Canada, the sum of the components may not equal the population change.
"- " indicates no data available. All figures subject to revision.